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applies to them as to others, and it is perhaps a pity it is not enforced against them. But the lawyers say, or at least they said to Yizetelly: " It is useless to proceed against an English bishop. There is so much cant in this country that you would never obtain a verdict against him, however complete your evidence might be."

As for Bishop Perowne of Worcester he was answered

in "The Speaker" by its contributor, Mr. A. T. Quiller-

Couch, as well as by sundry correspondents, one of whom pointed out that this chartered slanderer " had not so much evidence to back his insinuations and assertions as would wrap round a mustard seed." Mr. "Welldon was also dealt with at length and very ably by Mr, Quiller-Couch, the controversy in "The Speaker" being prolonged until the latter part of November,<sup>1</sup> Ernest Vizetelly was at first unaware of it, but a friend who, having little acquaintance

with literature, read that Liberal weekly chiefly for its political articles, said to him one day: "You ought to see 'The Speaker/ There's a lawyer who is defending Zola and your father in it very vigorously. He is the kind of man your father ought to have had as counsel at his trial" "A lawyer?" Yizetelly replied, "why, what is his name?"

"Oh! he only appends his initials <sup>c</sup>A\* T.<sup>1</sup> to his articles;

but I felt interested, and so I consulted the

law-list at  
my club. He's a Queen's counsel, by the way;  
and the  
only Queen's counsel whose initials are A. T\* is  
the Hon.  
Alfred Thesiger, so he undoubtedly is the  
man/<sup>1</sup> The  
truth, however, had suddenly dawned on  
Vizetelly, who  
began to laugh as he answered: " The initials  
are A\* T,,  
you say; but the writer puts Q. C\* after  
them, does he

<sup>1</sup> See notably the issues of October 14 and 28, 1903\*